AGENDA

CVTA Regional Priorities Subcommittee

Friday, April 16, 2021
1:30 p.m.

Zoom Meeting

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WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS
(Walker)

STATEMENT REGARDING VIRTUAL MEETINGS
(Parsons)

ROLL CALL FOR ATTENDANCE
(Walker)

1. Consideration of Amendments to the Meeting Agenda
   (Walker)

2. Approval of March 19, 2021 CVTA Regional Priorities Subcommittee Meeting Summary
   (Walker)

3. Public Comment Period
   (Walker/5 minutes)

4. Subcommittee Work Tasks
   (Walker/Vidunas/45 minutes)
   a. Finalization of Regionally Significant Project Qualifications
   b. Prioritization Measures
   c. Leveraging and Benefit/Cost Considerations

5. CVTA Regional Priorities Subcommittee Member Comments
   (Walker/5 minutes)

6. Next Meeting: April 30, 2021
   (Walker)

7. Adjournment
   (Walker)
Opening Statement for Electronic Meetings

Due to the 2020 COVID-19 virus and current guidance regarding physical distancing to reduce the potential for spread, meetings of the Central Virginia Transportation Authority are accessible in a virtual format in accordance with provisions of Virginia Code § 2.2-3708.2 and related legislation approved by the General Assembly of Virginia during the period of the Governor’s State of Emergency Declaration for COVID-19.

While we meet in a remote/virtual format, we remain committed to public accessibility and opportunity to participate. Staff provided notice of this meeting to members and the public on April 9, 2021 through electronic posting on the PlanRVA website and email distribution of notice to members, alternates, and known interested parties, including the media.

This meeting will be recorded. Audio and visual recordings of the meeting and materials will be posted on the PlanRVA website within 48 hours of this meeting.

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We ask that members identify themselves first when speaking so we can more accurately record the activities of the meeting. All lines should be muted to minimize additional noise and feedback. You may unmute your line at any time to request acknowledgement from the Chair.

Please let us know if you have any questions regarding the process for assuring effective facilitation of this meeting or for how members of the public may participate.

By providing this statement, staff certifies that we have followed the approved procedures for appropriate notice of this meeting and the means by which we are convening.

Please indicate your presence by saying “HERE” when your name is called during a roll call. Anyone who wishes to identify themselves following the roll call of members will be invited to do so.
The Central Virginia Transportation Authority (CVTA) Regional Priorities Subcommittee meeting was held by electronic communication means as set forth by the April 22, 2020 actions of the General Assembly in response to the continued spread of novel coronavirus, or COVID-19. The technology used for this meeting was a web-hosted service created by Zoom and YouTube Live Streaming and was open and accessible for participation by members of the public. A recording of this meeting is available on the Plan RVA YouTube Channel.

CALL TO ORDER
The Central Virginia Transportation Authority (CVTA) Regional Priorities Subcommittee Chair, Chessa Walker, presided and called the March 19, 2021 CVTA Regional Priorities Subcommittee meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL & CERTIFICATION OF MEETING QUORUM
Nicole Mueller, Program Coordinator, took attendance by roll call and certified that a quorum was present.
1. Consideration of Amendments to the Meeting Agenda
   There were no requested changes to the meeting agenda. Seeing and hearing no objections the March 19, 2021 agenda was approved by acclamation as presented (voice vote).

2. Approval of March 5, 2021 CVTA Regional Priorities Subcommittee Meeting Summary
   On motion of Barbara K. Smith, seconded by Sharon Smidler, the CVTA Regional Priorities Subcommittee unanimously approved the summary of the March 5, 2021 meeting by acclamation as presented (voice vote).

3. Public Comment Period
   There were no requests to address the CVTA Regional Priorities Subcommittee.

4. Subcommittee Work Tasks
   a. Finalization of Regionally Significant Project Qualifications
      The subcommittee continued working on finalizing the list of eligible criteria for the following project types:

      **Highway/Bridge Projects:**
      - Limited access roadways
        - Interstate (I-95, I-64, I-295)
        - Freeway (Route 288, Route 150, Powhite Parkway)
      - Arterial roadways (principal and minor arterials)

      A summary table of VDOT’s 2019 publication on average daily traffic (ADT) volumes by functional class (principal and minor arterials) was reviewed. The following eligibility criteria for arterial roadways was proposed:
      - Existing roadways
        - Principal arterial = existing or projected 20-year ADT > 30,000 veh/day
        - Minor arterial = existing or projected 20-year ADT > 30,000 veh/day
      - New alignments, locality justify based on the following:
        - Expected functional classification (supported by comp plan)
        - Projected ADT - within 20 years, meets thresholds defined above
        - Estimate reduction in ADT to adjacent arterial due to rerouted traffic
      - Intersection
        - Intersection of two arterials (two principals, principal and minor), at least one leg with ADT > 30,000 veh/day

      **Comments:** A discussion took place on establishing a volume threshold for arterial eligibility. Some members considered a threshold of >30,000 veh/day to be too high. The subcommittee needed more time to digest the ADT information presented prior to committing to a threshold. RRTPO’s team will work up a map containing 2019 ADTs by functional class for the region and provide it to the subcommittee when available.

      Additionally, it was recommended that localities should be able to support a case for why a new alignment project should be considered a regional project based on expected volume, functional class, lane capacity, activity center etc.
The members discussed if eligible CVTA projects need to be included in the region’s long-range transportation plan (LRTP) as a base criterion. It was suggested that the long-range transportation plan could be amended if a selected CVTA regional project is not already included in the constrained plan.

**Bike/Ped Projects:**
- Limited to regional trail networks
  - Examples: Fall Line Trail, East Coast Greenway
  - Multi-jurisdictional, defined/conceptual alignment

**Rail Projects:**
- Limit to leveraging funds/local match funds for other federal fund sources, for capacity and facility rail projects
  - High-speed rail or station upgrades

**Intermodal Projects:**
- Park and Ride lots, port projects (Richmond Marine Terminal)

**Transit Projects:**
- Limit to leveraging funds/local match funds for other federal fund sources, for regional capital transit projects
  - Examples: BRT infrastructure, transit transfer center, park and ride

**Next Steps:** The subcommittee members were asked to submit their top 3 regional project needs in the Richmond region by Wednesday, March 31. There are no limitations in terms of project type or eligibility. The only consideration is that the projects have a significant regional impact. This is non-binding, and is simply an exercise to gauge where the thoughts are collectively as we continue to consider eligibility criteria. The results will be shared at the next meeting.

**b. Prioritization Measures**
The following evaluation measures were presented in order to serve as a jumping off point to spur discussion:
- SMART SCALE – all project types scored using same 14 measures
- CVTA – score projects by category with measures specific to that category
  - Regional list of projects ranked by project type
  - TAC gives recommended funding scenario to CVTA
  - Example: I-81 Corridor Improvement Plan - tailored SMART SCALE approach

The subcommittee will continue the conversation on prioritization measures, leveraging, and cost considerations at their next meeting.

**c. Leveraging and Benefit/Cost Considerations**
This item will be covered at a future meeting.

**5. CVTA Regional Priorities Subcommittee Member Comments**
The subcommittee agreed to increase the meeting time from one hour to two hours in order to get through the remaining discussion items (scoring and evaluation measures, cost, leveraging, application process, etc.).
6. **Next Meeting of the CVTA Regional Priorities Subcommittee**  
The next meeting will be held on April 2, 2021 beginning at 1:30 p.m. until 3:30 p.m.

7. **Adjournment**  
Chair Walker adjourned the meeting at 2:35 p.m. on March 19, 2021.

CAP/nm